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- 25X1 1. Reportedly, the building of the Danube-Black Sea Canal is proceeding rapidly. Along the Cerna Voda - Constanta railway line evidences of construction work and thousands of laborers are visible.
2. Laborers are eager to be employed on the canal project largely because it is rumored that workers on this project receive higher wages than do workers elsewhere. In addition to paid workers, political prisoners are compelled to work on the canal and ten days' work is considered to be the equivalent of one month's imprisonment. Political prisoners employed here work and live apart from the other workers.
3. According to construction plans, the canal is to be ready for use in five years; however, every effort is being made to complete the work in four.

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